ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

TOEFL/IELTS/CAE

Official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) are required of all graduate applicants, regardless of citizenship status, whose native language is not English or who have been educated in countries where English is not the native language. Applications will not be processed until the required TOEFL, IELTS or CAE score is received. The TOEFL, IELTS and CAE scores are valid for two years from the test date and are considered official only when received directly from the testing agency.

TOEFL

The minimum TOEFL score accepted by the University is 80 (iBT) or 550 (paper-based). The institution code for the University of Denver is 4842.

IELTS

The minimum IELTS score accepted by the University is 6.0.

CAE

The minimum CAE score accepted by the University is 169.

Notes: Individual graduate programs reserve the right to set higher TOEFL, IELTS or CAE test score requirements. Graduate Teaching Assistants must meet the Required Tests for GTA Eligibility (http://bulletin.du.edu/graduate/admission-and-enrollment-policies/additional-standards-for-non-native-english-speakers/required-tests-for-gta-eligibility) policy.

If English Conditional Admission (ECA) (http://bulletin.du.edu/graduate/admission-and-enrollment-policies/additional-standards-for-non-native-english-speakers/english-conditional-admission-eca) is permitted by the academic unit, successful completion through level five at the English Language Center (ELC) may satisfy the language proficiency requirement for two years from the completion date.

English Language Exemption

Applicants may be exempted from English proficiency test requirements if by the time of matriculation they have earned a baccalaureate degree or higher from a formally-recognized/accredited university where the institution’s language of instruction and examination is English. Such applicants may be exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS/CAE but not from other standardized graduate entrance examinations.